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LOS ANGELES ENTERTAINMENT EXECUTIVE
CHARGED WITH RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AS
PART OF NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION BASED IN FRESNO

FRESNO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury sitting in Fresno, California, returned an indictment that charges ANTHONY MATTHEW LOGAN, 62, with receipt of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. Court records reveal that LOGAN was a partner with CineVision Entertainment in Beverly Hills and director of "Fine Art Treasures," a live auction show on DirecTV and Dish Network.

According to court records, LOGAN was one of the first targets of an extensive investigation – dubbed "Operation Crying Eyes" – by Special Agent Mike Prado of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office in Fresno, California, along with Detective Kevin Wiens, with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, Computer Crimes Investigation Unit. The investigators received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in late October 2003 that an individual believed to be residing in the Fresno area had distributed a single image of child pornography via the Internet. That individual was arrested and prosecuted in state court as a juvenile. Additional investigation in Fresno, including forensic analysis of the juvenile defendant's computer hard drive, turned into leads on more than 120 additional individuals and many arrests in the United States and the United Kingdom. The indictment alleges that LOGAN, in October of 2003, knowingly received from an individual in Fresno numerous images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Although a warrant was issued for LOGAN's arrest on September 7, 2004, LOGAN managed to elude law enforcement authorities until his arrest on May 25, 2005, in Van Nuys. A federal magistrate judge in Los Angeles ordered him detained and transported to Fresno to face the charge in the complaint. He will be arraigned in federal court in Fresno on the charge in the indictment once the United States Marshals Service completes his transportation to this judicial district.

United States Attorney Scott complimented the cooperative work of the two investigating agencies and added, "This case illustrates how the transmission of a single image of child pornography over the Internet will be taken seriously by law enforcement. This conduct has devastating consequences for the victims depicted and appropriately harsh sanctions for those who traffic in this material."

According to Assistant United States Attorneys David L. Gappa and Jonathan B. Conklin, who are prosecuting the case, the defendant faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of twenty years in custody, and up to a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

The charge in the indictment is only an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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